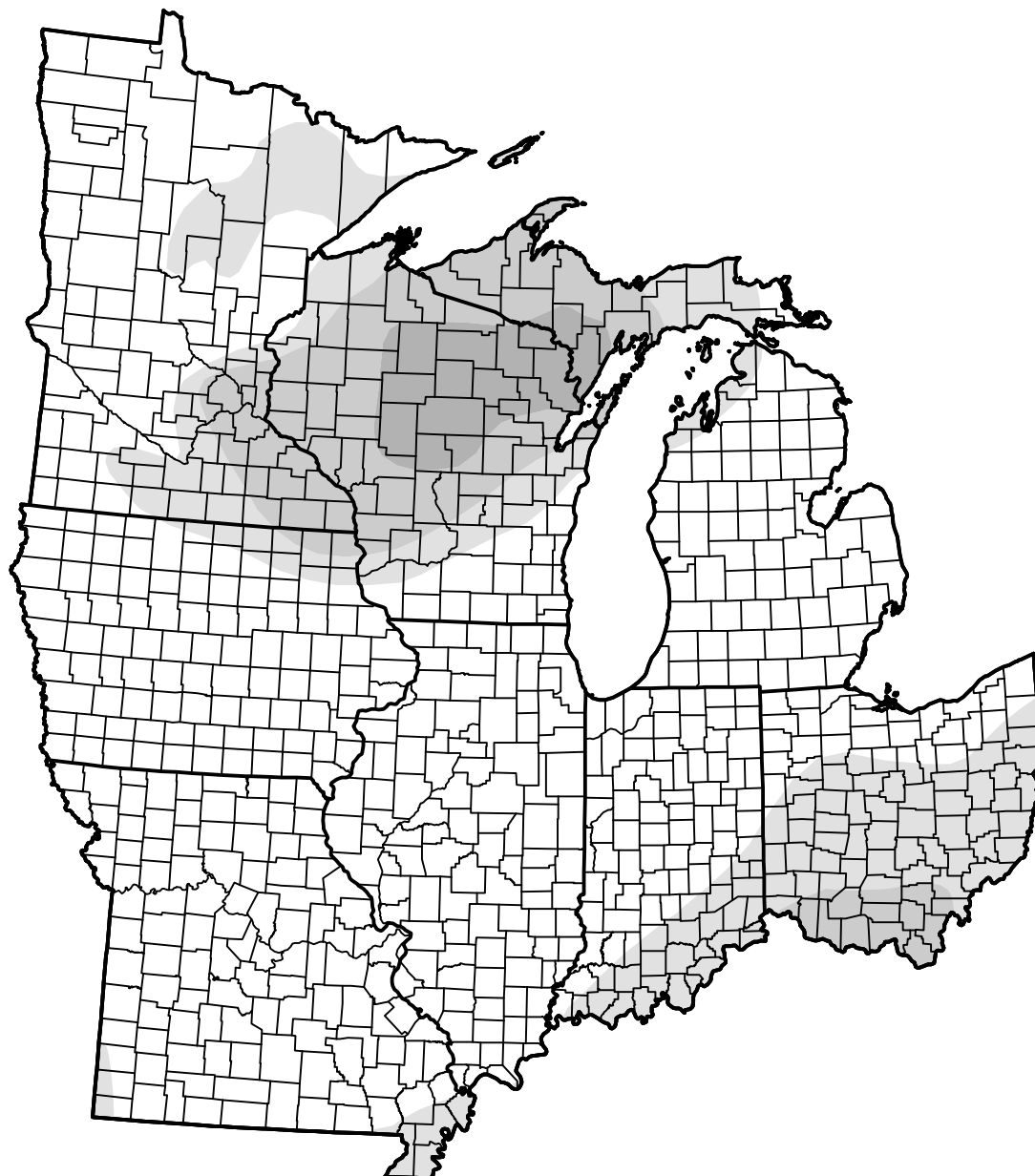


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Midwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	70.16	16.00	10.15	3.70	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-09-2008</i>	70.17	15.93	10.21	3.70	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2008</i>	66.24	20.27	13.28	0.22	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2008</i>	76.28	17.96	5.76	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2008</i>	57.59	24.65	16.33	1.43	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-18-2007</i>	76.28	17.96	5.76	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

 None	 D2 Severe Drought
 D0 Abnormally Dry	 D3 Extreme Drought
 D1 Moderate Drought	 D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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